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Priority is claimed from:

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Re: Application of Nicolas GUELTON of Metz, FRANCE,
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METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A SIDERURGICAL PRODUCT
MADE OF CARBON STEEL WITH A HIGH COPPER CONTENT, AND
SIDERURGICAL PRODUCT OBTAINED ACCORDING TO SAID METHOD
Assignee: USINOR
Our Ref: Q82542

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- an English translation of the International Application.
- 2 sheet(s) of drawings (Figs. 1A-2).
- an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- a Preliminary Amendment.
- it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date with the required fees.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report and the certified priority document will be